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## **General Comment**

Please continue to support as much action as possible on cleaning the Chesapeake Bay. The water health affects all of us and most importantly all of the animal life that suffers from the devastating effects of human pollution. Growing up on the James and seeing the effects of kepone (that still continue today) has made me a strong advocate on behalf of controlling all sources of pollution not just point source pollution. Some of the consequences of a failure of the EPA to uphold these mandates include rapid decline in the populations of oyster, dead zones, algal blooms, bacteria from factory farming (animal waste), loss of important animal aquatic habitat and other serious problems for all of the life in the Bay. The water in the Bay should not be judged by the instrumental value (whether it is "swimmable or fishable" waters) but rather if it is livable for those who depend on it not being impaired in order to live.